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ABSTRACT

Intended for teachers and caregivers who deal with children exposed prenatally to substance abuse, this book gives a general overview of the problem of prenatal substance exposure, describes some of the common issues for children living in drug and alcohol involved families, and offers some practical suggestions for helping these children and their families. The 10 chapters of the book are: (1) "Prenatal Drug and Alcohol Exposure: What's Really Going On?"; (2) "Understanding Cultural Issues: Helping You Help Children"; (3) "Crack Cocaine: the Worst Drug Ever?"; (4) "Chemical Dependency: A Disease, Not a Crime"; (5) "Helping the Family, Helping the Child"; (6) "Prenatal to Preschool: The Developmental Picture"; (7) "Taking Care of Infants and Toddlers"; (8) "What To Expect from School-Age Children"; (9) "Learning Styles and Teaching Strategies"; and (10) "Policy Planning and a Look to the Future." Profiles of children are included with some of the chapters. Five appendixes contain information about abusable substances and the effects of substance abuse on pregnancy, newborns, and children as they grow; tools for assessment; and additional resources. Contains 30 references and a glossary of terms. (TJQ)

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